GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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FOOD PARKS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that out of the 54 food parks approved by the Government for assistance, only 29 food parks are operational;

(b) if so, main reasons for such a dismal performance; and

(c) immediate steps taken by the Government for making the remaining food parks operational within a reasonable time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has approved financial assistance for 56 food parks in the country, out of which 29 are considered operational. The Progress of food parks is observed slow due to several constraints viz. long gestation period, connectivity and linkage problems, power shortages, water problem, location constraints, slowness in bringing matching promoter's share etc. The Ministry has been regularly reviewing the Food Parks with Implementing Agencies as well as State Nodal Agencies for making the remaining Food Parks operational.